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In Re Application of

Michael E. Beard, Carl F.G. Baxter, Nicholas Cunliffe and Patrick L. Boster

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Title: REMOVABLE RECEPTACLE FOR USE

ON AN OFFSHORE STRUCTURE

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## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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Respectfully submitted,

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